

A RESOLUTION to honor Homer Skelton on being the recipient of the 1995 Toyota President's Award and for 25 years of outstanding service to Memphis and Shelby County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body pause to recognize those exemplary Tennesseans who have achieved great milestones in their various careers; and

WHEREAS, Homer Skelton is one such eminent person who has been widely recognized for his remarkable achievement as a Toyota Dealer by being named as the 1995 recipient of the prestigious Toyota President's Award; he has received this award three times before in 1988, 1993 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skelton is an exceptional businessman and has been an outstanding automobile dealer for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, born May 27, 1931, Mr. Skelton is a native of Alamo, Tennessee where he received his education through the public school system of Alamo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skelton's illustrious career began as an extremely ambitious car salesman, and shortly thereafter he became the owner of a used car lot located at Airways and Lamar; and

WHEREAS, this great achiever opened Whitehaven Toyota in 1970 located at 1653 East Brooks Road and subsequently renamed the business Airport Toyota. Mr. Skelton, in 1981, opened Covington Pike Toyota at 1970 Covington Pike; and

WHEREAS, this sagacious leader has meritoriously served on the Toyota Board of Governors, the Leadership Board and the Toyota Dealers Association where he honorably served as director for 20 commendable years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skelton is the proud owner of several automobile dealerships including, Homer Skelton Mazda, Covington Pike Hyundai, Homer Skelton Airport Mitsubishi and Homer Skelton Ford in Olive Branch; and

WHEREAS, he enjoys the love, support and compassion he shares with his beautiful wife, his three children, six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skelton evinces his robust belief in the Lord through his active membership in Longview Heights Baptist Church where he participates in numerous organizations to help motivate children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's great citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and congratulate Homer Skelton on the celebration of his 25 years of superlative service as an automobile dealer and wish him continued success throughout his career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.